

**REMARKS****Paragraph 1 of the Office Action**

This application contains claims directed to two species.

Applicant has cancelled claim 7 directed to Figure 5 and will elect species A as  
10 illustrated in Figures 1-4.

**Paragraph 2 of the Office Action**

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 USC §112 second paragraph as being indefinite  
for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant  
15 regards as the invention.

It is believed that the amendments made to claims 1 and 6, and particularly to the  
preambles of those claims, correct any deficiencies therein. Should these changes not be  
satisfactory, applicant respectfully requests any suggestions the Examiner may have to  
rectify these issues.

20 Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested by the applicant.

**Paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Office Action**

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Shelnick.

Claim 7 has been cancelled.

25 Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested by the applicant.

**Paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Office Action**

Claims 1-3 and 7 are rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by  
Dixon et al.

30 Claim 7 has been cancelled. Claim 5 has been cancelled and its limitations  
incorporated into newly amended claim 1. Claim 1 is now believed to in condition for  
allowance. Claims 2 and 3, by virtue of their dependence on claim 1, are also believed to  
be in condition for allowance.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested by the applicant.

5    **Paragraph 7 of the Office Action**

Claims 4-5 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office Action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

10    Claims 4 and 5 have been cancelled and claim 5 has been incorporated into amended claim 1. Claim 1 is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested by the applicant.

**Paragraph 8 of the Office Action**

15    Claim 6 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office Action.

Claim 6 has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

The applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

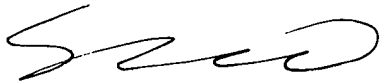
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**CONCLUSION**

10           In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early consideration and  
allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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